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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

February 1954<sup>1955</sup>

I. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

A. Intelligence Reports

1. Completed and Issued

Requester

CIA/RR-MR      Geographic Intelligence Review Index --  
Index              Secret Issues from May 1951 to  
                         September 1953

Routine

CIA/RR-ER-11      Soviet Education in Geodesy and Cartography

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CIA/RR-GR-71      [REDACTED] (Parts I, II, & III of 7 parts)

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CIA/RR-GR-72

USAF

CIA/RR-GR-73      North China Target Study

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NIS-42  
Section 19  
Chapter I

Thailand

NIS Program

G/E-15

Operation of Soviet Hydro-Electric  
Power Stations

25X1X7

G/E-16

Review of USAF Evasion and Escape  
Manual--Finland

USAF

G/I-92

Organization of "Autonomous" Govern-  
ments in Communist China and  
Recent Related Developments

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G/I-96

TSS/ID

G/I-99

G/I-104

Second Geodetic Conference of the  
USSR and Satellites

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The following contributions to the OCI Handbook Series were completed:






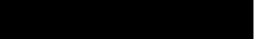





G/I-94, Sweden; G/I-95, British Guiana;  
G/I-97, Sudan; G/I-98, Afghanistan;  
G/I-100, Brazil; G/I-101, Tunisia; and  
G/I-102, The Belgian Congo

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2. Scheduled

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Status

CIA/RR-ER-6	Additional References to Soviet Diagrams, Sketches and Photo- graphs of Soviet Geodetic Photogrammetric Instruments		In progress
CIA/RR-ER-7	A List of References to Soviet Photogrammetric Literature		25X1A
CIA/RR-ER-12	A Report on Soviet Cartography		In Reprod.
CIA/RR-ER-13	Selected List of References to Soviet Cartography		In progress
CIA/RR-ER-14	Selected Bibliography on Soviet Geodesy		In progress
64.1113	 25X1A2g		In progress
63.1141	Escape and Evasion Briefing Paper for Poland		In abeyance
	 25X1A2g		
61.1153	Evasion Geography of Tibet	USAF	In progress
64.1157	Evasion Geography of Lower Don Region	USAF	In progress
64.1158	Evasion Geography of Moldavian SSR	USAF	In progress
65.1159	Evasion Geography of Norway	USAF	In progress
62.1161	Evasion Geography of Syria & Lebanon	USAF	In progress
65.1162	Evasion Geography of Benelux	USAF	In progress
61.1163	Evasion Geography of Peninsular India	USAF	In progress
25X6 62.1164		USAF	In progress
65.1165	Evasion Geography of France	USAF	In Reprod.
65.1170	Boundaries of the European USSR	Self- initiated	In progress
62.1184	 25X1A2g		In progress
69.1189	Intelligence Collection Manual in Geodesy, Photogrammetry & Cartography		Self- initiated
61.1211	Physical and Cultural Geography of Ningsia, Suiyuan, Chahar, & Shensi		In abeyance
61.1212	Physical and Cultural Geography of Sinkiang		25X1A
61.1214	Changes in Province Areas in China, 1949-1953		In progress
60.1235	Geographic Intelligence Review, MR-44		In abeyance
61.1238	Tibet Border Study	Routine	In Reprod.
63.1243	Evasion Geography of Hungary	 25X1A	In progress
64.1249	 25X1A2g	USAF	In abeyance
		 25X1A	In abeyance

2. <u>Scheduled (continued)</u>		<u>Requester</u>	<u>Status</u>
69.1252	Appraisal of Soviet Capabilities in Geodesy and Cartography	Contrib. NIE 11-5-54, (OSI)	In progress
60.1253	Geographic Intelligence Review, MR-45	Routine	In progress
64.1256	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In abeyance
66.1257	Status of Boundaries Between Latin American Countries	Geodetic Survey Liaison Office	In progress
63.1258	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	Parts I, II & III completed. Bal. of 7 parts in progress
61.-	Geographic Contributions to the OCI Handbook Series	OCI	In progress
66.1262	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
64.1263	Physical and Cultural Geography of Tibet	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
61.1273	Bulgarian Gazetteer	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In abeyance
63.1274	Border Study: Rumania-Yugoslavia	USAF	In progress
63.1276	Border Study: Austria-Switzerland	USAF	In progress
65.1277	Border Study: Austria-Italy	USAF	In progress
65.1278	Satellite Geodetic Activity Since the Sofia Conference	Self-Initiated	In progress
69.1279	Evasion Geography of Germany	USAF	In progress
65.1282	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	OSI	In progress
64.1283	Evasion Routes in the USSR	USAF	In progress
64.1284	Evasion Routes in Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia	USAF	In progress
63.1285	Border Study, Bulgaria-Turkey	USAF	In progress
62.1303	Evasion Geography of South China	USAF	Cancelled
61.1304	Soviet Regional Structure	D/A/RR	In progress
64.1306	Border Study: Present line of contact in Europe between Allied and Soviet forces	USAF	In progress
65.1307	[REDACTED] 25X1A2g	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
61.1309	Clarification of Boundary Problems in Latin America	AMS	Continuing
66.1314			

### 3. NIS Chapter I, Section 19, Production

60.1242	NIS 10, Norway (Scheduled to D/B, June 55)	In abeyance
60.1267	NIS 21, Yugoslavia (Scheduled to D/B, April 55)	In progress
60.1295	NIS 35, India (Scheduled to D/B, July 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1296	NIS 26, USSR (Scheduled to D/B, September 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1297	NIS 53, Egypt (Scheduled to D/B, October 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1298	NIS 9, Spain (Scheduled to D/B, November 55)	Scheduled Only

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3. NIS Chapter I, Section 19, Production (continued)

60.1299	NIS 8, Portugal (Scheduled to D/B, February 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1300	NIS 18, Czechoslovakia (Scheduled to D/B, March 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1301	NIS 5, Belgium (Scheduled to D/B, April 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1302	NIS 28, Syria & Lebanon (Scheduled to D/B, May 56)	Scheduled Only

4. NIS Chapter IX Production

60.1125	NIS 35-36, India-Pakistan (Sched. to D/B, Mar 55)	In progress
60.1126	NIS 14, Poland (Sched. to D/B, May 55)	In progress
60.1226	NIS 17 <sup>M</sup> , Italy (Sched. to D/B, May 55)	In progress
60.1227	NIS 11, Sweden (Sched. to D/B, May 55)	In progress
60.1228	NIS 61, South Africa (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1229	NIS 47, Algeria (Sched. to D/B, May 55)	In progress
60.1230	NIS 44, British Indonesia (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1231	NIS 16, Austria (Sched. to D/B, June 55)	In progress
60.1287	NIS 32 <sup>M</sup> , Arabian Peninsula (Sched. to D/B, Sept. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1288	NIS 65 <sup>M</sup> , Alaska (Sched. to D/B, Oct. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1289	NIS 100, Indonesia (Sched. to D/B, Dec. 55)	Scheduled Only
60.1290	NIS 3, France (Sched. to D/B, Jan 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1291	NIS 48, Morocco (Sched. to D/B, Mar. 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1292	NIS 71, Guatemala (Sched. to D/B, April 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1293	NIS 99, Philippine Islands (Sched. to D/B, May 56)	Scheduled Only
60.1294	NIS 8, Portugal (Sched. to D/B, June 56)	Scheduled Only

B. Other Research and Map Intelligence Activities

		<u>Requester</u>	
25X1C	64.1022 [REDACTED] USSR	St/I/RR	In progress
	66.1185 The RR Net of Latin America	Self-initiated	In progress
	66.1186 Survey of No. Am. Arctic, etc.	Ditto	In progress
	63.1192 Regional Bibliography-Poland	Ditto	In progress
	63.1193-98 Bulgarian City Plans	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress
	63.1199-1210 Polish City Plans	[REDACTED]	In progress
	64.1261 City Plan of Leningrad	ONI	In progress
	63.1316 City Plan of Bucharest	[REDACTED] 25X1A	In progress

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D. Requirements Submitted: 1

## II. PROGRESS OF THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

### A. Accomplishments

#### 1. Reports

During February, Geography Division effort resulted in the issuance of 19 intelligence reports and memoranda. The fourth index to the Geographic (or Map) Intelligence Review was issued in final form covering the seven Secret issues from May 1951 through September 1953. Soviet Education in Geodesy and Cartography, CIA/RR-ER-11, is the ninth external research intelligence study resulting from the [REDACTED] contract to be published. The first portion of The Polish-German Border Area (Part I Introduction, Part II, Climate of the Polish-German border area, and Part III, Area A), CIA/RR-GR-71, was completed and forwarded [REDACTED] during the month, and three more areas will be covered in a second portion to be completed in the near future. In addition to answering the [REDACTED] request, it is expected this report will be forwarded at a somewhat later date to the Air Force in partial answer to its 30 September 1954 Top Secret request for 18 border studies. Evasion Geography of Southeast China for Combat Crew Briefing, CIA/RR-GR-72, was delivered to the Air Force (Lt. Col. Smith and Major Mossdrop) on 10 February. This major job, which was a specialized, "boiled down" evasion study, was completed in two weeks, to the satisfaction of the Air Force. On their instruction, we are closing out Project No. 61.1304, Evasion Geography of South China, inasmuch as the above mentioned study superseded their earlier request. North China Target Study, CIA/RR-GR-73, completed during February, was the second report to be forwarded in answer [REDACTED] Case K-11770, dated 22 December 1953. Section 19 of Chapter I, NIS-42, Thailand, met its February deadline.

The USSR Branch answered a request from [REDACTED] on the Operation of Soviet Hydro-electric Power Stations, G/E-15, and transmitted the information to SA/RR. G/E-16 gave the Division's comments following the Western Europe Branch's review of the USAF Evasion and Escape Manual on Finland, the third such manual reviewed in the Division. In addition to the seven contributions to the OCI Handbook Series -- G/I-94, Sweden; G/I-95, British Guiana; G/I-97, Sudan; G/I-98, Afghanistan; G/I-100, Brazil; G/I-101, Tunisia; and G/I-102, The Belgian Congo -- four other memoranda in answer to internal requests were prepared. These included: G/I-92 on the Organization of "Autonomous" Governments in Communist China and Recent Related Developments, which is in fact a supplement to CIA/RR-G-7 dated July 1953. The USSR Branch prepared a memorandum for the SA/RR in reply to a cable request from [REDACTED] to supply information on reported railroad construction extending beyond Aleksandrov Gay, G/I-99, and another that answered TBS/ID's request to check Soviet administrative divisions used in previous code studies on Soviet passport letter prefixes, etc., G/I-96. [REDACTED] prepared a contribution for the OCI Intelligence Weekly Summary, on the Second Geodetic Conference of the USSR and Satellites.

Three reports are in Reproduction: MR-44; Evasion Geography of France; and ER-7, A List of References on Soviet Photogrammetric Literature.

## 2. Project Planning

The Handbook Coordinator, Presentations Division, OCI forwarded a new request covering 22 countries, for contributions from the Geography Division. This is to be the final request and the list is to be completed by 25 June 55.

Considerable time was spent by the Division and Branch Chiefs in planning material for forthcoming issues of the MR. All contributions to MR-45 are due for editing and review by the 15 of March, and during the next month project initiations will be submitted on the next two or three issues.

## 3. Other

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[REDACTED] and other responsible people in D/A and with representatives of St/PB on the issuance of a joint Economic-Geography report on the economic regions of the USSR, ORR10.43-1 and CIA/RR-QR-70. The economists proposed that the geographic contribution should not be relegated to the status of a supplement, in view of its size and scope, but should be considered an equal part of the study.

The second Escape and Evasion Orientation and Exercise was held 2, 3, 4 and 5 February. Those attending felt it was extremely well organized, and a most profitable four days of instruction and demonstration were spent in the lectures here and in the field later. In addition, a member of the Division who attended the earlier exercise searched the files and obtained much useful information; a large number of documents were thermofaxed, several others were typed, and a large number of references were obtained. The Training group was most cooperative.

The Editor-in-Chief attended several meetings called to discuss methods of documenting reports to be given in CIA/CD/17, How to Document Intelligence Reports, to be issued in the near future. The discussions of methods of documenting reports raises several problems. Much of the material in D/GG reports cannot be documented by source and page since it requires wide reading in combination with map analysis. If only a relatively few sources are specifically cited, a false impression is given of the amount of research involved. For this reason it may be necessary to use a supplementary list of references that are not specifically cited in the report.

A memorandum on the subject of Evasion Currency and Barter Items for Combat Crews for the USSR, Bulgaria and Rumania went to [REDACTED] in partial reply to their Case K-1928. Actually, this subject is beyond the scope and responsibility of the Geography Division, and the requester has been warned that very little information on other countries may be forthcoming. 25X1A

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██████████ USSR Branch, spent a day and a half at ██████████ briefing visiting members of the Alaska Air Command on the Chukotsk area. They had just completed a regional study of this area and were invited to participate by O/TR.

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██████████ was the only Consultant employed by the Staff on Soviet Mapping and Intelligence during the month. He is currently engaged in a review of Molodenskiy's basic study on geodetic gravimetry. The translation with comments is being planned to be issued as a report. This will require additional time by ██████████

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### B. Coordination

The Far East Branch reports: Excellent cooperation was received from TSS/ID in its work on the China evasion study completed during the month. They went through their files and produced a very helpful brief summary of specialized information available to them.

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██████████ met with Major Mosscrop and Major Christopher of the Air Force to discuss the latter's request for border studies and the relationship of these studies to the evasion and escape program. It is Major Mosscrop's hope that the border information eventually will be incorporated as an appendix to the "C" Area evasion geographies and that portions of the appendix can be detached and replaced by new material from time to time. More work for D/GG?

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At the request of ██████████ met with ██████████ St/PC/RR, ██████████ OCD, and ██████████ concerning a change in titling of the ER series to conform more to CIA regulations that rigidly specify the categories for the issuance of CIA reports. All future ER reports will be issued as External Research Intelligence Studies.

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██████████ participated in a meeting called by ██████████ SA/DCI, to discuss proposed U.S. activities in the Antarctic.

### C. Administration

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██████████ reported for duty in the Division 15 February and was assigned to the Coordination Staff. ██████████ transferred to the Map Library at the end of February.

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25X1A9a Teaching of the seminar on Physical and Economic Geography of the USSR was begun on 24 February by ██████████ and the USSR Branch staff.

Attention is directed to the following comment by ██████████ on the shortage of clerical help: 25X1A9a

"Clerical help. Two professional persons spent one week manning the ditto machine, carrying supplies of ditto paper from Q Bldg., assembling, stapling and wrapping copies for delivery in connection with PN 63.1258. If it had not been for valiant assistance from the front office they would have spent even more time at this sort of work. This "flap" was due in part to short-handedness both in the front office and the Branch because of the participation in the E and E course, and to the tightness of the deadlines. More fundamentally, however, it was due to the continuing shortage of clerical personnel. I recommend that renewed efforts be made to increase the allotment of clerical slots to this Division. The mere fact that the present low ratio of clerical to professional personnel is allowed by time-honored precedent dating back to OSS days should not be any argument for continuing a mistake that was started then. Steps should also be made to impress Security with the need for faster clearances of clerical personnel."

The following language courses are being taken by D/GG personnel:  
Seminar on French Translation Problems in Geography by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; German Scientific Reading  
by [REDACTED] who is taking this course with Industrial Register  
personnel because he could not get the German Scientific Reading course;  
Elementary Czech Reading, Phase II, by [REDACTED] Elementary German Read-  
ing, Phase II, by [REDACTED]; Elementary Rumanian Reading by [REDACTED]  
A criticism has been directed at the Office of Training for its policy of  
not giving previously scheduled courses due to insufficient enrollment.  
One person in the Eastern Europe Branch has applied for Elementary  
Bulgarian, a scheduled course, three times without success.

#### D. Problems

Receipt of information concerning international conferences sponsored by the UN has not been all that might be desired. As a specific case in point, information concerning the ECAFE Bangkok conference on preparation of a regional geological map of Asia and the Far East has been deficient and slow in coming. In addition to interest on the part of the Far East Branch, [REDACTED] is also concerned because of the presence of Soviet representatives at the conference. (The Department of State's List of International Conferences and Meetings, dated October 1, 1954, was received in the Division 14 February 55.)

On several occasions during the month documents were received on routing from which pages had been clipped by individuals in other parts of ORR who had been ahead on the routing. [REDACTED] recommends that this be called to the attention of the appropriate persons in the AD's office and that the matter be taken up at the next meeting of ORR Division Chiefs.



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Receipt of NIS Chapter IX graphic material from Aeronautical Chart and Information Center is far behind schedule. Considerable pressure was required to get the indexes for NIS 85, Colombia, before the rest of the chapter was ready for release to D/B. Graphics for six FY 55 studies are overdue, and only one of the three indexes for NIS 14, Poland, which was originally on the FY 54 schedule, is on hand. Unless this situation is remedied, it will be impossible to forward the studies that are rescheduled for release to D/B in May and June.

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